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To: Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: **Regional Trails and Open Space**

Executive Summary

ABAG plays a lead role in implementing two regional trails in the Bay Area – the San Francisco Bay Trail and the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail – both designated as Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs). With the Bay Trail recently reaching a milestone of 350 out of 500 miles and a rapidly growing Water Trail system with 23 designated sites out of over 100, these two programs are underway with significant progress toward completion.

However, the remaining Bay Trail segments to complete and Water Trail sites to designate and improve will be the most difficult since all the “low-hanging fruit” has been picked. We are tracking several potential sources of funding over the next five years that will or may become available, and we have compiled a running list of projects that are well-positioned to compete for a variety of these competitive dollars.

In the broad context of regional parks, trails, and open space, these programs have a significant impact on the way public lands are used and valued. Today’s presentation will: 1) provide an overview of recent progress on Bay Trail and Water Trail implementation, 2) identify specific projects that may be eligible for a variety of new funding sources.

Recommended Action

Staff requests Regional Planning Committee feedback and support on this strategic approach positioning key Bay and Water Trail projects for funding from multiple sources.

Attachments

1. Bay Trail-Water Trail Draft Capital Program Priority Project List
2. Bay Trail-Water Trail Draft Capital Program Priority Project Map